# IRONDALE NEWSLETTER

Spring Issue

March 2014

## Postal Rates are soaring!

I am sure you are all aware that the cost of a stamp is going from .63 at the end of this month to a whopping .85 cents each.
We mail out 100+ newsletters each issue. That adds up to $85.00 postage before we take into consideration the cost of the paper, ink and envelopes.
So I have to ask you to please think about what I am asking.
Do you have an email address? If so, please consider sending it to us so that we can send you the next issue by email. You can read it on your computer screen, or print it. You can print it entirely or just specific pages. Sending it to you by email is by far a much more cost effective route for the organization than purchasing stamps. Please leave a message for the editor at simmons03@gmail.com or 705-457-8438.

Is there a business person, that has a postage meter?
See bottom left corner for more details.

## Not-So-Newlywed Game

So you think you know your better half, eh? Come out and show us your stuff.
Win yourself a prize and bragging rights.
A fun evening, sharing some laughs, some stories and some remembrances. Heck you might even pick up a tip or two on what makes your spouse tick!
Everybody plays at the same time—paper and pencil. You will be asked questions like

- If your spouse were able to change one thing about themself, what would it be?
- Where will your spouse say your first date took place?
- If your spouse was a cartoon character, which one would that be?
- What did your spouse get you for Christmas last year?

Harmless questions, but could produce hilarious results.
**See you at the Irondale Community Centre, Saturday March 22, 2014 - 7pm**

## ARE YOU A POSTAGE HERO ?

Does your business have a postage meter ? Would you be interested in donating the postage or part of it?

Please leave a message for the editor at simmons03@gmail.com Or 705-457-8438

**Thank You**

## Congratulations ...

to Mr & Mrs Dave and Susan Holliday!
The weather was cold and windy with a bit of snow on the ground for the Nov 23 event. Inside the church was beautifully decorated—perfect for the setting. The couple were surrounded by family and friends—literally surrounded as Dave had everyone leave their seats and form a circle of love around them as they said their vows. The Irondale community wishes this young couple many, many happy years together.

## Remembering Mom's Clothesline

Editor's Note—I remember and still do follow these rules!

THE BASIC RULES FOR CLOTHESLINES:

1. You had to hang the socks by the toes... NOT the top.
2. You hung pants by the BOTTOM/cuffs... NOT the waistbands.
3. You had to WASH the clothesline(s) before hanging any clothes - walk the entire length of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
4. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.
5. You NEVER hung a shirt by the shoulders - always by the tail! What would the neighbors think?
6. Wash day on a Monday! NEVER hang clothes on the weekend, or on Sunday, for Heaven's sake!
7. Hang the sheets and towels on the OUTSIDE lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle (perverts & busybodies, y'know!)
8. It didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather... clothes would "freeze-dry."
9. ALWAYS gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky"!
10. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
11. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed.
12. IRONED???!! "Well, that's a whole OTHER subject!"

There is one thing that's left out. We had a long wooden pole (clothes pole) that was used to push the clothes-lines up so that longer items (sheets/pants/etc.) didn't brush the ground and get dirty.

Do you have Ironing stories to share? Please let Carol know for future issues!

## Thank You to those that renewed since our last newsletter …

Lorne & Sue Buckingham, Patricia DeFranceso, Edward & Christine Hancock, Celia Donnelly, Wayne & Lou Graham, Loweena Dean, Sylvia Melanson, Ron & Doreen Scheer, Gary & Susan Jardine, Helen Pantridge

Thank you to all who continue to support the Irondale Historical Society with their membership dues.

Please send your cheque payable to
Irondale Historical Society
P.O. Box 113 Irondale, ON K0M 1X0

## Please save your Canadian Tire Money

Since our last newsletter, your generosity has helped us gather **$ 116.40** in Canadian Tire money. Thank You!

The Hall at the Irondale Church will receive some upgrading in 2014. Your Canadian Tire money will go a long way in purchasing brighter light fixtures, plumbing and electrical materials, paint, etc.

You can turn your Canadian Tire Money into any Bark Lake Cultural Development board member (listed on back page) or mail it to
P.O. Box 113
Irondale, ON K0M 1X0

**Thank You.**

# Salerno Devil's Lake Cottagers' Association (SDLCA)

## Annual Canoe Race

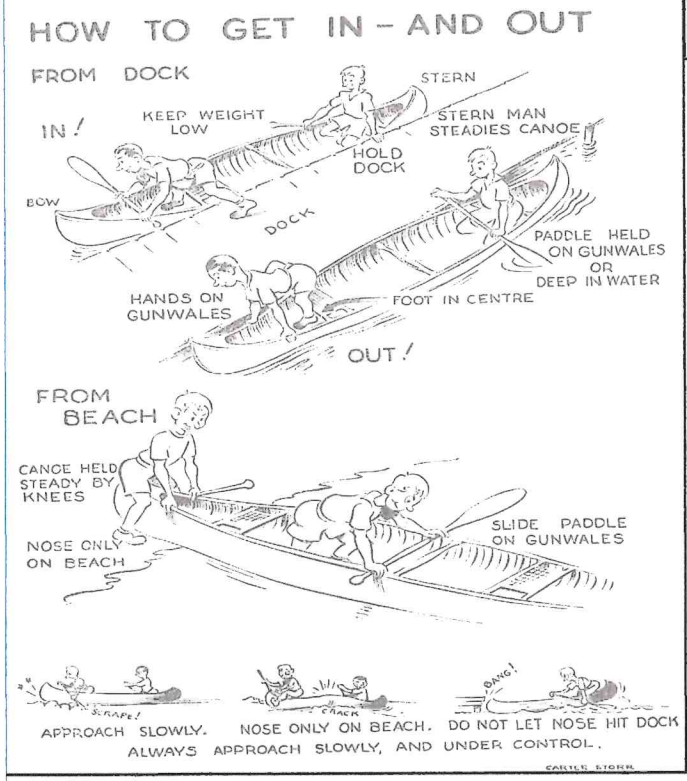
This event has a **47 year tradition**, giving members of all ages a fun way to meet neighbours on the lake. The race is a 10km paddle down a splendid stretch of the Irondale River from the Irondale Bridge to the picnic area of Furnace Falls. Canoes, kayaks and SUPs can enter in many categories, including Junior & Women's divisions. Kids' games, raffles and a great barbecue are followed by the awards, featuring the coveted hand painted paddles as First Prizes.

**Join us this year on**

John Leonard continues to out do himself with his design and execution of the paddles presented to the winners. It's no wonder people flock to this event. These paddles quickly become family heirlooms.

Submitted photo taken 2011

Diagram below taken from The Canoe and You by Ronald H. Perry. Inside stamped "Ontario Camp Leadership Centre Dept of Education Irondale Ontario"




A Food Expo

Ever wondered what different restaurants, chefs and catering businesses serve? Where to buy fresh foods - grown locally? This summer you can find out at the Food Expo—a showcase of culinary related businesses in the area.

The concept — you purchase a passport on site that allows you to sample the food & drink of the participating vendors. When your passport is full, you return it to the main gate for a chance at a basket of products from the vendors you've just visited. The vendors could be restaurants, catering companies, wine & beer makers, grain farmers, seed producers, food utensil companies, market gardeners and community organizations.

There will be entertainment for your enjoyment as well.

All profits from this Food Expo will be divided between the local Food Banks and the global organization of HAVE (help a village effort)

Date: June 21, 2014 Time: 12 to 5 pm

Place: Wintergreen Maple Products, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

# Irondale Calendar of Events

Mar 22— The Not-so-Newlywed Game, how well do they you know your spouse — come by, find out and have some fun.
More details on page one

April 12— Fish Fry Dinner & Auction
Gooderham Community Centre
More details on page seven

May 17— Pusey Exhibit opens at Irondale Church

May 17— Irondale Church Lottery tickets go on sale for exciting prizes

June 7— Victorian Tea

June 21— Food Expo, Wintergreen, 3325 Gelert Rd., tickets $20, fundraiser for H.A.V.E & Haliburton County's Food Banks. Irondale will have a presence here

June 28— Christmas in June-
Craft Sale 9 am - 3 pm at the church
Turkey dinner 6 pm—Community Centre
Tickets will be available. This is a joint fundraiser for the Church and the Centre.

July 12— Wild Game Dinner, Galway Hall
Tickets still $20, available now

## A Wedding from the Past to go with those upcoming and recently celebrated. The 65th wedding anniversary below was celebrated on December 28, 1975.

Editor's Note—This article may have been found within the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group Resource Room, located inside the Minden Public Library. If you are researching your family and haven't visited this facility—you may be missing out on some real treasures. For more information contact HHGG at hhggroup@gmail.com or call Gail at 705-286-2225.

# Wed 65 years

Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Peacock of Gelert celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversay on December 28th, 1975 at their home where they have lived since 1920.

Mr. Peacock was born at Irondale in 1889 and attended the Irondale Public School and a member of the Irondale Anglican Church.

Mrs. Peacock formerly Alice Milburn, was born in 1893 in Gelert.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacock were married in Gelert in 1910 by the Rev. Nind and lived on the Peacock farm at Irondale for 10 years.

After moving to Gelert Mr. Peacock was very active in the community. He was the Assessor for Snowdon Township for 11 years with an annual salary of $45.00 per year. He also collected the taxes for 8 years. Mr. Peacock was reeve of Snowdon Township for 18 years and elected as Warden of Haliburton County in 1953, a year that saw many new buildings opened, including the present County Building. He is a life member of the Masonic Lodge also a member of the Gelert Cemetery Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacock had 8 children. Bessie, (Mrs. Russell Burk) Lizzie (Mrs. Cecil Burk) of Lochlin, Bob of Gelert, Bill of Brooklin, Alice (Mrs. Gordon Hughes) of Willow Beach and Margaret (Mrs. Harry Burke) of Ingoldsby. Richard and an infant son predeceased.

They also have 26 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and one great great grand daughter.

An Open House was held for them Dec. 13 at the Lochlin Community Centre. Although the weather was terrible with freezing rain, over eighty friends and relatives turned out to wish Ted and Alice the best. The guests came from Oshawa, Lindsay, Haliburton, Minden, Gelert and Lochlin.

Among the many gifts they received a plaque from the Ontario Government presented to them by John Eakins, M.P.P.

## Seafood Supper — Feb 15, 2014

Intimate dinner setting allowed guests to have private conversations. A glass of wine started the meal with a basket of warm homemade biscuits close behind. The main course was wild salmon, shrimps, scallops, mussels, served with flavourful rice and green beans. Seconds were available to those who still had room. Dessert was a traditional maritime blueberry grunt served warm with ice cream.

## Upcoming Wedding

**August 3, 2014**
**Laura Farina & Dan Bates**
**Irondale Church**
**Reception at Highland Trail Lodge**

## God's Boxes ...

*I have in my hands two boxes,*
*which God gave me to hold.*
*He said, "Put all your sorrows in*
*the black box,*
*And all your joys in the gold."*

*I heeded His words, and in the two*
*boxes, both my joys and sorrows*
*I stored, but though the gold*
*became heavier each day, the*
*black was as light as before.*

*With curiosity, I opened the black,*
*I wanted to find out why, and I*
*saw, in the base of the box, a hole,*
*which my sorrows had fallen out*
*by.*

*I showed the hole to God, and*
*mused, "I wonder where my sor-*
*rows could be!" He smiled a*
*gentle smile and said, "My child,*
*they're all here with me.."*

*I asked God, why He gave me the*
*boxes, Why the gold and the black*
*with the hole?*
*"My child, the gold is for you to*
*count your blessings,*
*The black is for you to let go."*

## I remember ...

The cheese of my childhood
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When the children helped with the housework,
And the men went to work not the wife.

The cheese never needed a fridge,
And the bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot.

I remember the milk from the bottle,
With the yummy cream on the top,
Our dinner came hot from the oven,
And not from the fridge in the shop.

The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for kicks,
Just a game with their mates in the road,
And sometimes the Saturday flicks.

I remember the shop on the corner,
Where a pennies worth of sweets was sold
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?
Or is it....I'm just getting old?

I remember the 'loo' was the lav,
And the bogy man came in the night,
It wasn't the least bit funny
Going "out back" with no light.

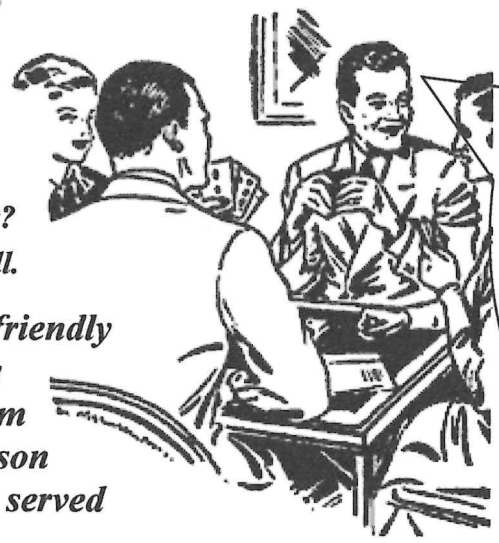
The interesting items we perused,
From the newspapers cut into squares,
And hung on a peg in the loo,
It took little to keep us amused.

The clothes were boiled in the copper,
With plenty of rich foamy suds
But the ironing seemed never ending
As Mum pressed everyone's 'duds'.

I remember the slap on my backside,
And the taste of soap if I swore
Anorexia and diets weren't heard of
And we hadn't much choice what we wore.

Do you think that bruised our ego?
Or our initiative was destroyed?
We ate what was put on the table
And I think life was better enjoyed.

## "Ask Your Neighbor"



***What's the topic around the card table this Wednesday night?***

***You can never tell.***

***Come out for friendly Euchre***
***Starts 7pm***
***$2 per person***
***Refreshments served***

***Barb, philanthropy is not something I think about. Its part of who I am. Something that I just like to do. What motivates me? Knowing that in some small way, I have been able to contribute to the goodness of the community."***

**On A Computer Near You ...**

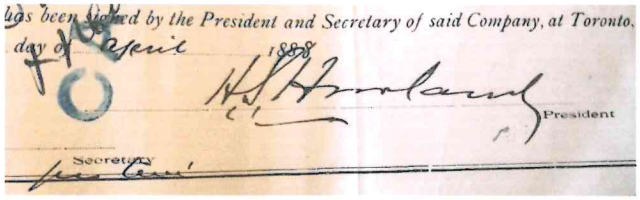
**Check out the new website**

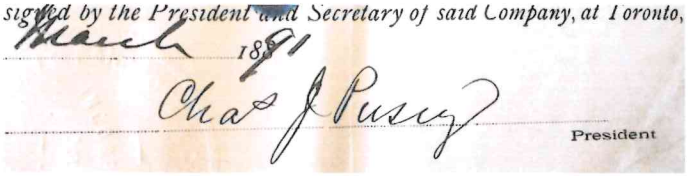
**www.IrondaleOntario.ca**

# Historical Signatures ...

### *H. S. Howland*

Henry Stark Howland, businessman, office holder, politician, investor & member of the I.B.O. Railway, founder of Canadian Bank of Commerce & president of Imperial Bank of Commerce



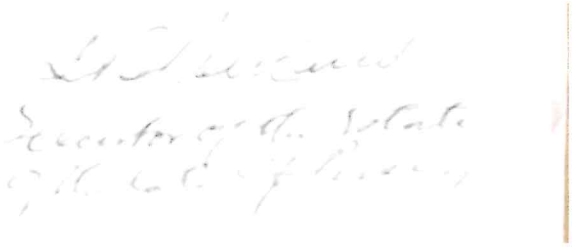



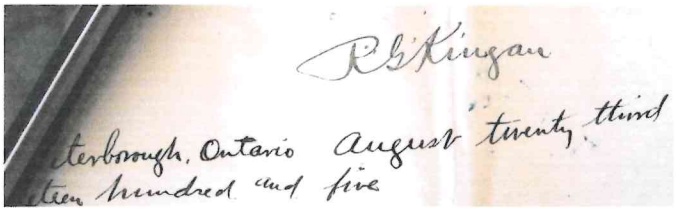

### *Chas J Pusey*

Charles Jonathon Pusey was the man behind the Irondale Bancroft Ottawa (I.B.O.) railway. He also laid out the village of Irondale, registering it in March 1887

### *L. B. Howland, executor of the Estate of the late C. J. Pusey*

Lucien Barne Howland was married to Charles Pusey's youngest daughter, Anna Virginia. This couple married May 12, 1891 in Irondale.



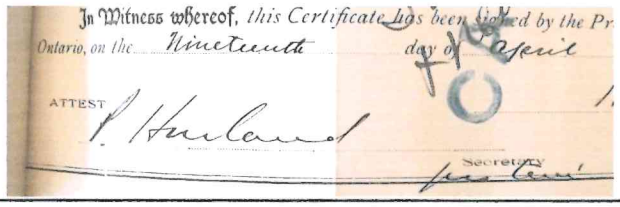


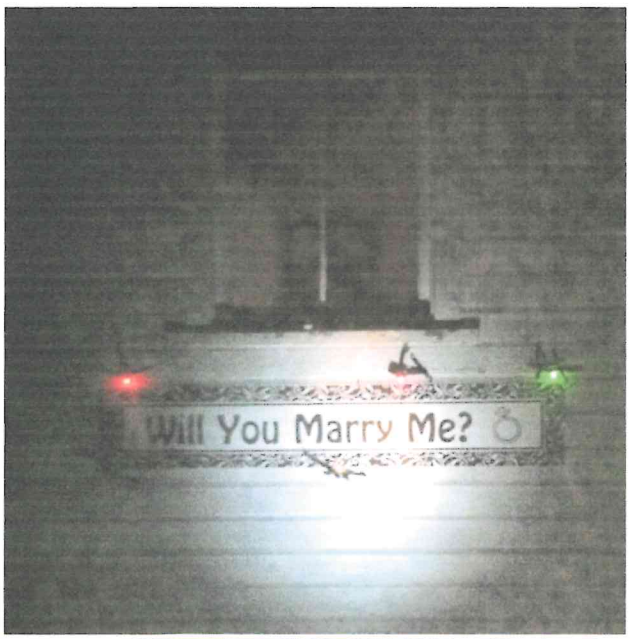

### *R. G Kingan, Peterborough, Ontario August twenty third nineteen hundred and five*

Robert Gordon Kingan married Harriet Pusey, one of Charles Pusey's children, in Irondale in 1889.

### *P. Howland*

Peleg Howland, older brother of H. S. Howland born 1809 in Dutchess County, New York




## Guys—take notice.

We have a romantic male in our midst.

Earlier this winter—before Christmas— Greg Callaghan had a plan and some eager friends to help him carry it out. Greg took Jessica to do her Christmas shopping. While they were out his friends attached the banner to the side of the Irondale Church. *Greg remembered from previous conversations that Jessica had her heart set on marrying in this church.*

As they were turning the corner at Irondale/Salerno Rd. Greg made mention that some lights had been left on at the church and went to investigate.

That is when Jessica saw the sign & started to cry. Quick girl tho' she composed herself and had Greg make the ask official by actually verbalizing the question.

For the record — Jessica said YES.
Wedding to be in 2015.

# Community Dinners ... Coming Up

## Fish Fry Dinner

**Gooderham Community Centre**
**April 12, 2014 6pm**

great food ~ great friends ~ great times
Bring your loonies for great fun & prizes!

**Proceeds to Irondale's Heritage Church**

**$20 per person**
**16 yrs & under ~ free**

~ For tickets or more information ~
705-457-8438
church@IrondaleOntario.ca

## Christmas In ~~July~~ June Event

Saturday
June 28, 2014

Traditional Turkey Supper
with all the trimmings
served at 6pm

Irondale Community Centre

Limited seating
Tickets must be purchased in advance

*Proceeds to*
*Irondale's Church & Community Centre*

**9 am—3 pm**
**Irondale Church**
**Baked Goods, Crafts, Gifts**

HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE

## Wild Game Dinner Event

**Cost: $20 per person**

**Where: Galway Hall, Galway Road, Kinmount**

**When: Saturday July 12, 2014**
**Doors open 5:00 Dinner 6:00**

**Why: fundraiser for the Irondale Historical Society**

**Bring your loonies for added fun.**

**Tickets Available Now**

Call / text 705-457-8438 or
historical@IrondaleOntario.ca

## Irondale Community Centre's Annual Dinner

**September 27, 2014**

**held this year at the Gooderham Community Centre**

**Lots of Auction Fun**
**A Not To Be Missed Event!**

**Stay tuned for more information!**

**Bark Lake Cultural Developments**

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**~Rentals~**

Irondale Church for your next function? contact Glenda 705-447-2679 or Carol 705-457-8438

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**Irondale Community Centre**

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Rentals for the centre or the big tent can be booked thru
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